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## **Centerville encourages citizens to participate** **in National Preparedness Month**

The City of Centerville reminds citizens to be prepared for an emergency situation. September has been designated as National Preparedness Month (NPM). Sponsored by the Ready Campaign, NPM is a nationwide effort designed to increase awareness as well as encourage individuals, families, businesses, and communities to take action and prepare for emergencies. One of NPM's key messages is: be prepared in the event an emergency causes you to be self-reliant for three days without utilities and electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or local services, or maybe even without response from police, fire or rescue.

Preparing can start with four important steps:

1. Be informed about emergencies that could happen in your community, and identify sources of information in your community that will be helpful before, during and after an emergency
2. Make a plan for what to do in an emergency
3. Build an emergency supply kit
4. Get involved

By taking these four steps – in particular having an emergency supply kit both at home and in the car – people can be prepared for hazards such as power outages and icy roads. Each kit should include basic necessities such as water, food and first aid supplies. Emergency preparedness information is available on the City website, [www.centervilleohio.gov](http://www.centervilleohio.gov) and at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

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“Our community has experienced several weather-related events over the past few years,” said City Manager Greg Horn. “Residents are very aware that a power outage, even in the most temperate weather, can bring a host of challenges.”

In case of a citywide emergency, citizens are encouraged to tune to WCWT (107.3 FM) as well as the City’s website and Facebook page.

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